

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, 22 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. LB 214.

CLERK: Read title. LB 214. There are committee amendments, Mr. President, by Senator Whitney's Retirement Committee on Page 2. Read.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this committee amendment is to have the Retirement Board prepare an annual report of the actuarial condition of the county retirement system. This bill when considered with LB 215 will give this job to the State Public Employees Retirement Board. Now, the Legislature requires this of other Retirement systems and so it should also require it of the county retirement system. I move that this committee amendment be accepted.

SPEAKER: Any discussion on it. All those in favor of the committee amendment say aye. Those opposed no. The committee amendment is adopted. Are there any further committee amendments.

CLERK: No further committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: There is a amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Yes, by Senator Carpenter.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney, coming back to you. I believe you should explain the bill first and then Senator Carpenter has an amendment and then we will call on him.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I'd like to explain the bills as a whole then besides what has just been explained on the amendment. The bill as a whole transfers the auditing function of County Employees Retirement System from the Department of Insurance to the Auditor of Public Accounts. His auditor is already in these counties and the Auditor of Public Accounts has a battery of accountants and it just seems logical that he should be the one in charge of auditing this particular retirement system. I'd like...I've not seen Senator Carpenter's amendment. I would like to see it.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter just laid something on your desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Carpenter amendment would simply amend - Read.

(End of Belt #10)

(Start of Belt #11)

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The State Auditor contacted me and asked me if I would consider making this amendment which I did. All it does, it takes away the limitation of ten of his men and gives him the right to hire as many as necessary to deal with his responsibility and with the limit of the money that this body would appropriate for his use. There is nothing except being helpful. He thinks he needs this out and I presume that he does.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I see nothing wrong with this amendment. I would accept it as Chairman of the Retirement Committee.

SPEAKER: Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator